

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2024**

The Houston City Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19th, 2024, at Houston City Hall Council Chambers, 601 S. Grand Avenue with the following members present: Alderman Sam Kelley, Alderman Tim Ceplina, Alderwoman Angie Gettys, Alderwoman Sheila Walker, Alderman Fred Stottlemyre, Mayor Pro tem Don Romines, City Administrator Lloyd Wells, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Moore and City Attorney Sean Smith. Mayor Viki Narancich was absent.

Mayor Pro tem Romines called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.  
Mayor Pro tem Romines led the council in the pledge of allegiance.  
Deputy Clerk Moore called roll call.  
Mayor Pro tem Romines established a quorum.

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Gettys and seconded by Alderman Kelley to approve the minutes for August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, closed session. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve the minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special meeting. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special closed session. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to approve payroll dated for 7-29-24 thru 8-11-24. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderwoman Walker and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to approve payment of invoices for August 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (\$379,029.17) as presented. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Guests:

Tammy Burns presented to members a proposal for a city-wide trap and release program pertaining to feral cats. Alderman Stottlemyre to arrange a Police and Fire Committee meeting to further discuss, in hopes of finding a resolution.

Economic Developer, Kevin Buck, presented a bid for \$27,000 for a digital billboard.

Public Comments;

None

Pump House at the Golf Course: Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Robbie Mortensen, brought up discussion regarding the pump house at the golf course. He reported the pump is now inoperable and he proposed a plan to build a new pump house approximately 100 ft from the current location. He presented members of the council with a bid from Mahan Drilling and Pump Service of Houston for \$12,000 for a new pump and motor. He sought two other bids, but information was not received. Mortensen reported that most of the work would be completed by city crews for the new pump house.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderman Stottlemyre to approve the purchase of a new pump, motor and construction of a new pump house building using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Oil Trailer: City Administrator Wells presented a bid to council members from CMW Equipment for an oil trailer to be used for chip sealing, patching and resurfacing.

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to purchase the Mauldin Model MT-300-01 Trailer from CMW Equipment in the amount of \$23,070. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

Council Meetings: The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

The following regularly scheduled council meeting will be moved to Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, as several members will be out of town for a MML conference and there would not be enough members present for a quorum.

Utility Committee Update: Alderman Kelley updated that the Utility Committee held a meeting Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regarding fiber installations and rates. City Attorney, Sean Smith, is working on several potential updates.

Police and Fire Committee Update: Alderman Stottlemyer updated that the Police and Fire Committee held a meeting Wednesday, August 14, 2024, regarding ordinances. Bills 114 and 115 regarding nuisances, are still under review. City Attorney Smith is continuing to work with Police Chief, Brad Evans, on details- Police and Fire Committee planning to hold another meeting for further discussion.

Miscellaneous:

City Administrator Wells presented a bid to council members for rubber nuggets (a budgeted item) to use around the playground equipment at city parks.

The motion was made by Alderman Stottlemyre and seconded by Alderman Ceplina to purchase rubber nuggets for \$12,993.53 for playground surfacing. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderdwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderdwoman Gettys	x			

City Administrator Wells provided an update on feral cats. He mentioned that after speaking to the City of Willow Springs, he found out they had not received any grant money. He was informed the current program they have in place was funded by donations and volunteers.

Comments:

Mayor Pro tem Romines requested City Administrator Wells reach out to neighboring communities to see if/what ordinances they may have in place regarding cargo containers within city limits.

Mayor Pro tem Romines requested City Administrator Wells and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Mortensen, meet to discuss details on the quadplex and prepare a request for qualification.

The fire hydrant by Sonic on S. Sam Houston Blvd remains inoperable. Mayor Pro tem Romines requested an install date on a new hydrant. City Administrator Wells will follow up with the Water Department Supervisor, Bob Richards.

The motion was made by Alderman Kelley and seconded by Alderwoman Walker to close the regular session of the meeting at 7:47 P.M. and move to executive closed session in pursuant to Section 610.021 subsection (1) contracts. Section 610.021 subsection (3) hiring. Section 610.021 subsection (9) negotiations. Motion carried with six roll call votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

The motion was made by Alderman Ceplina and seconded by Alderwoman Gettys to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried with six yes votes.

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alderman Kelley	x			
Alderman Stottlemyre	x			
Alderman Ceplina	x			
Alderwoman Walker	x			
Alderman Romines	x			
Alderwoman Gettys	x			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Taken By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk